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Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template/Abbreviated Template with Curriculum

Institution Submitting Request: Utah State University

Proposed Title: Establishment of a Department of Nursing and Health Professions

Currently Approved Title: NA

School or Division or Location: Utah State University

Department(s) or Area(s) Location: College of Science and Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs): NA

Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs): NA

Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs): 06/2014

Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

Regents' General Consent Calendar Items		
<i>R401-5 OCHE Review and Recommendation; Approval on General Consent Calendar</i>		
SECTION NO.		ITEM
5.1.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor*
5.1.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphasis*
5.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	(CER P) Certificate of Proficiency*
5.2.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	(GCR) Graduate Certificate*
5.4.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Administrative Unit
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Unit Consolidation
5.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conditional Three-Year Approval for New Centers, Institutes, or Bureaus
5.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Center
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Institute
	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Bureau
5.5.1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Out-of-Service Area Delivery of Programs
5.5.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Consolidation
5.5.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Programs
5.5.4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
5.5.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Administrative Unit

**Requires "Section V: Program Curriculum" of Abbreviated Template*

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

Signature

Date:

Printed Name: Laurens H. Smith, Jr.

Program Request – Abbreviated Template

Utah State University Establishment of a Department of Nursing and Health Professions February 20, 2014

Section I: Request

Utah State University seeks approval for the formation of a new Department of Nursing and Health Professions within the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services.

Section II: Need

Utah State University offers the practical nursing certificate, the Associate of Applied Sciences - Registered Nursing degree, an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Medical Lab Technician, and a Medical Assistant Certificate. These nursing and health professions programs are currently delivered to students at USU Eastern (Price and Blanding) and the Uintah Basin Regional Campus through a combination of face to face and technologically-assisted instruction. When the College of Eastern Utah (CEU, now USU Eastern) and Utah State University merged in 2010, academic programs at CEU came under the administrative oversight of USU academic departments. The nursing, medical technology, and medical assistant programs were assigned to the Department of Biology in the College of Science. Since that time, it has become apparent that a better USU “administrative home” for the nursing, medical lab technician and medical assistant certificate programs is the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services (EEJCEHS). This is because EEJCEHS is the administrative home for most all other USU academic programs in human health-related and clinically-based programs including Special Education and Rehabilitation; Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education; Family, Consumer and Human Development; Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Psychology; and the Center for Persons with Disabilities. The EEJCEHS is very enthusiastic about establishing a new department that collectively manages nursing and health professions programs which will make a positive contribution to their existing assemblage of health and clinical programs. The new Department of Nursing and Health Professions will benefit greatly from its official association with EEJCEHS’s health and clinical programs because of the mutual support, shared understanding, and collectively stronger voice that will better serve the new department’s students. EEJCEHS also has extensive experience in accreditation practices in health and clinical programs which the College of Science does not, thus making accreditation-driven program assessment of USU’s nursing and medical programs more effective.

Section III: Institutional Impact

The transfer of the USU nursing, medical lab technician, and medical assistant programs from the College of Science to the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services will not have any adverse impact on Utah State University or EEJCEHS and the College of Science and the Department of Biology. All existing nursing education, medical lab technician, and medical assistant program offerings and their locations, facilities, faculty and funding will remain unchanged at the UBRC and USU Eastern. The new department will relieve the College of Science of an administrative responsibility and shift that to EEJCEHS which better understands the operations and support requirements of clinical and health-related programs. This new department will benefit the hundreds of students enrolled in these programs. Vice Provost Travis

Peterson will serve as the first head of the Department of Nursing and Health Professions and he will report directly to Dean Beth Foley of EEJCEHS.

There will be a total of fifteen faculty in the new Department of Nursing and Health Professions; the sum of the existing faculty who currently staff the current programs to be included in the new department. Meetings have been held between the faculty of the inclusive programs, Dean Foley, and Dr. Peterson to discuss this administrative change and they have expressed unanimous support for it.

Section IV: Finances

No significant financial impacts are anticipated as a result of formation of the new Department of Nursing and Health Sciences in EEJCEHS. Ample funding is in place (including an ongoing \$1M legislative appropriation for USU nursing programs) to support all the programs in the new department. Dr. Peterson's salary will transfer from his current USU Vice Provost position to his department head position and EEJCEHS will provide support for staff for the new department.

Section V: Program Curriculum

NA